

2. What is happening in Coutts, Alberta: (from K Division Crops Officer – you may have this already):

A key influencer, Mr. Artur Pawlowski has had his bail hearing and the case is adjourned until the 16th. He is detained in custody until then.

The enforcement action is underway at CP10. Started with dialogue early in the day progressing to ticketing in the evening. A lawful protest site has been established and the goal is to transition the protestors from CP10 to the lawful site we got from the ministry of transportation.

Yesterday CCMG engaged the crowd and STO was present to assist our GD resources in the ticketing for the offenses under the highway traffic act. No one has voluntarily moved although they did indicate a willingness to do so early in our discussions. The willingness stemmed from a shared concern for safety with people and moving vehicles in close proximity. This work will continue to work in this today.

With respect to the main site, K Div is examining some strategic arrests. Still weighing the pros and cons, and the timings of these arrests. Efforts to negotiate continue for the resumption of some traffic being allowed to cross the border.

There was one arrest early in the enforcement action related to an individual who started tampering with a sheriff vehicle and displayed mental health issues. That individual was apprehended under the Mental Health Act.

3. What additional resources do we have available and where would they come from? (Mike & Brian)

The Commissioner can deploy non-contract policing resources at her discretion. Should non-contract sources of officers be exhausted, additional Contract Policing resources can be requested and temporarily deployed from across the country under the terms of the Police Service Agreements (PSA):

- *If, in the opinion of the Commissioner, an Emergency in an area of provincial or territorial responsibility exists or is likely to exist outside the Province the Commissioner may, after consultation with the Provincial Minister and with the approval of the Federal Minister, temporarily withdraw up to 10 per cent of the Members of the Provincial Police Service (including any necessary Equipment) to deal with such an Emergency under Section 9.3 of the Police Service Agreement*
- *Article 9.4 contains similar provisions for an Emergency in an area of federal responsibility.*

In the event that the Commissioner elects to invoke provisions under Article 9, it will be important to ensure an informed decision is made in regard to whether the Emergency is considered a federal or provincial area of responsibility to ensure consistent application of the PSA throughout the country.

The impact of withdrawing resources on the home jurisdiction, particularly specialized resources must be assessed carefully to ensure that public safety and public order can be maintained in the home jurisdiction.

The RCMP has various specialized capacities (Emergency Response Teams, Public Order Units) that could be considered as additional RCMP support for efforts to defuse the situation and has extensive experience in dealing with protests and major events. In particular, consideration could be given to deploying members trained as Community Conflict Management Group (CCMG) members to assist OPS in negotiation and communication with protest groups.

4. What can the Federal Government do to end this? (Brian)

- Can the RCMP take over?**
- Is it legally, operationally, tactically possible/sensible to this?**
- What are virtues (pros/cons)**

The RCMP is not the Police of Jurisdiction for the City of Ottawa, nor is it the Provincial Police in Ontario. As per the Ontario Police Services Agreement (Sec 9) Solicitor-Client Priv. if Ottawa Police Service (OPS) requires assistance they must approach the OPP for assistance. The OPP could turn to the RCMP for assistance if their resources are under pressure.

Currently the RCMP is assisting based on requests by the OPS/OPP.

As a last resort, the RCMP can “take over”, however, that would likely require additional legislation or a request from the Govt. of Ontario, Solicitor-Client Priv. The RCMP is not operationally set up to do General Duty (street level) Policing within the City of Ottawa, hence OPS would have to provide assistance through its policing infrastructure.

If the RCMP were asked to “take over”, it would manage the operation as per its policy, guidance and operational tempo, considering that it has other contractual responsibilities across Canada, and is facing similar protest activity in a number of locations. The RCMP is currently managing protest activity in all the Provinces, using a measured approach with an eventual tactical solution available to it, if other measures are not successful.

The pros for having the RCMP “take over” include: Federal government visibility; having a similar response across the country; easier management of information; coordination of planning; and logistical matters.

The cons include: the RCMP being spread too thin on the ground; being drawn away from its core contractual mandated responsibilities; negative organizational reputation on the RCMP if it has to use tactical options across the country; and the overall impact on its membership.